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WASHINGTON.

A Representative Apportionment Bill Passed in the House.

Debate on the Iron Sections in the Tariff Bill.

Charges of Bribery in Connection with the Georgia Bill.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHANCE OF HEARING IN COMMITTEE WITH THE GEORGIA BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Senate, not to be outdone by the House in the pacification business, has ordered an investigation of its own, which may have some effect in the decision that will be reached to-morrow, or at a future day, on the Georgia question. This question is, simply, whether the Bullock party shall be kept in office two years more, or whether there shall be an election next fall. The Bullock lobby, through the Governor himself, has secure, at all times, to the floor of the Senate, and, if not the largest, it certainly one of the most impudent and determined lobbies ever seen in Washington. It has the free run of one of the newspapers here, and seems to have an unlimited quantity of outrages and barefaced assertion command, wherewith to harrow the souls of men. Within the last week there have been stories in circulation that it has also the ability and disposition to buy votes against the Bingham amendment, so as to secure admission to the Senate of the official perpetrator. It is said to-night in Georgia State bonds, and reports are that it has offered them at 50 cents on the dollar, votes of two or three Senators whose names have not become public. The charges are so direct, and the persons implicated so prominent, that the Senate has found it necessary to take some action in the matter, so as to induce the belief among those conversant with the matter that the stories have a substantial basis of fact, and that the Senate does not desire, or intend, to be a party to any such proceedings. The resolution, which was introduced in the Senate to-day, is as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to investigate the charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the Georgia bill, and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and report.

THE NEW APPORTIONMENT BILL.

The next appointment bill passed through the House to-day is the work of Judd, Paine, and Allison, who have been quietly canvassing the views of many leading members for the purpose of seeing what could be carried. A North Carolina man introduced it, because that State has controversial questions on its hands, and the Democrats want to make capital out of the measure. On the preliminary votes most of the Democrats went for it, but not quite all, they deserted it, and by the vote of them recorded in its favor on its passage. It will be seen that the bill does not reduce the representation of the Eastern states in Congress, and additional members from Western States are to be chosen on a general ticket. Under this arrangement, the total House will next House will consist of about 300 members.

ELECTION CASES.

The Election Committee still has eighteen contested seat cases to settle, viz.: One from Colorado, one from Arkansas, one from Alabama, one from Virginia, one from Indiana, one from North Carolina, one from Ohio, one from Texas, two from Kentucky, two from Missouri, two from South Carolina, two from Louisiana, and two from Missouri. Of these cases it is thought that the testimony will be offered against the sitting members. Three cases more have been reported to the House, and one or two more are expected to be reported to-morrow to get a vote. General Shields, the party against Van Horn, of Missouri, arrived here to-day, to push the case of his colleague.

A SEEMED SWINDLER.

Some time since a person named Amanda Phillips went to Worcester, Mass., and made contracts, through certain parties, for a lot of horses. After getting possession of the horses, he left the purchasers in the lurch. One of the losers, E. L. Stevenson, lately had him arrested for obtaining horses under false pretenses. Through a flaw in the indictment he escaped. He now sues Stevens for malicious prosecution, placing his damages at $10,000. This is a remarkable game of bluff, since in an executive document in the House of Representatives of the present session it is stated that Phillips was arrested in Ohio and Pittsburg was taken as a slave pirate on the coast of Hayti, in 1861; that he was tried, convicted, and condemned to be executed as such, and his vessel and cargo confiscated. His sentence was afterward changed to imprisonment for a term of years, and on an appeal to our authorities they decided to interfere.

RAILROAD BUSINESS.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands did a very fair day's work to-day. One of its bills gives the right of way and a land grant of at least six hundred miles from a point on the Columbia River east of the mouth of Snake River, in Oregon, to a junction with the Pacific Railroad, near Salt Lake. This subsidy is at the rate of 12,800 acres per mile. The other portion of the bill makes a land grant for a line from McGregor, Iowa, to Yankton, Dakota.

CITY POLITICS.

A new movement is on foot in city politics, looking to the withdrawal of Mayor Bowen and other Republican candidates, and the nomination of Mr. Cook, a colored man, now City Registrar. Mr. Cook is an estimable gentleman, and the project is quite general that he would be a great improvement on Bowen.

PETROLEUM AS FUEL.

The President and Secretary of the Navy this afternoon paid a visit, in company with other gentlemen, to the new foundry in Georgetown where the new invention for utilizing petroleum for coal purposes, known as the Whipple & Dickerson process, has been put in practical operation. An hour was spent by the President in his inspection, and he asked many questions which showed his interest in the question of our future fuel supply. He said, if this invention proved what it promised to be, it would put us in the way toward competing successfully with the cheap labor of Europe in the production of iron and the production of other like staples.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The great fight on the tariff bill began about the middle of this afternoon, when the clause on pig iron was reached, and was continued till the recess and thereupon the debate on the iron sections was raised to $9 per ton, which the Ways and Means Committee propose reducing to $7. The first speech was made by Mr. Kelley, who, in a long figure, their amendments ranging from $5 to $9 per ton. The fact of interest to be brought out in this connection is that the iron men have been in the Brosmer steel process have been assigned to blow gentlemen, one of whom is D. J. Morrell, Congressman from Pennsylvania.

THE LIMA-TOLEDO CASES.

There was something of a gathering in the Supreme Court this morning, in anticipation of the reopening of the argument on the legal-tender question. The attendance did not come, however, for the reason that another case was half finished. It may be reached to-morrow afternoon, but will probably go over to Wednesday. The talk about the court was that the Judges have settled their line against the law, and will come up to business with a harmonious front.

NAVAL ITEM.

The United States steamer Sabine, Commander Walker, with Midshipmen from the Naval Academy, arrived at Gibraltar, from Naples, March 29, and was to leave for Madeira with the first fair wind. All on board well.

THE SUPREME COURT BILL.

The Judiciary Committee of the Senate has concluded that the bill for their tinkering with the Supreme Court is not advisable, and to-day reported against the bill proposing to put two more Judges on the bench.

FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Senate to-day confirmed John Titus Chief Justice, and Chas. A. Peard Associate Justice of the Supreme Courts of Arizona.

BUTLER'S TAX REPEAL BILL.

General Butler proposes to offer in the House a bill repealing the income tax, and reducing the tax assessing 5 per cent of the interest paid on all interest-bearing, including national and State bonds, on all loans running longer than one year, dividends of banks, insurance companies, railroads, and land on mortgages, loans and rents; 1 per cent on all deposits subject to check, and 1 per cent on all other transactions purposes; when property falls in the hands of the heirs, and on collateral branch; 1 per cent when of collateral branch; 2 per cent when of more remote connection. All these corrections to be made by stamps. His bill also puts a tax on the manufacture and sale of matches and corrects the law relative to bonds the purchase of assessors and Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue, and makes provision for the collection of the tax on whiskey and tobacco as necessarily applied to all other internal taxation.

THE INCOME TAX.

General Negley, of Pennsylvania, will offer a substitute for Butler's bill, repealing so much of the Internal Revenue law as relates to the income tax. Mr. Negley gives six reasons why the tax should be abolished, the principal of which are: It is unconstitutional war measure; that it bears unequally upon the people, and that there is no necessity for it.

THE OHIO RECONSTRUCTION.

Extensive arrangements are being made under the supervision of Ohio State Journal to secure a Congressman from that State for the reception of members of the Ohio Legislature on Wednesday. Among the propositions is one to give a grand ball in their honor. General Sherman and other prominent Ohioans will give private receptions to distinguished visitors.

AMERICAN COMMERCE.

There was a sharp strike to-day in the committee, on the decline of American tonnage, on the bill for the Relief of American Shipping. It appears that the committee is divided on the subject, Hutchins, of New York, made a general talk on commerce, and said he would prepare a bill on the subject.

THE TENURE OF THE APPORTIONMENT BILL.

The Congressional Apportionment bill, which passed the House to-day, provides that after March 3, the House of Representatives shall be composed of 292 members. Members from new States coming in shall be additional to this number, and no reduction of representation shall be made in the new apportionment, shall not be made in the forty-second Congress. Provision is made for additional representation from States admitted after March 3, 1870.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Mr. H. Sears, the private watchman of the Chelsea Savings Bank, was stabbed and fatally injured last night, died this afternoon. The murderer, who is in custody, is a colored man named Thomas Jones, who sought out the latter, and struck him a fatal blow with a knife, causing death in a few hours. Jones is said to be a desperate character, and probably mortal wound. The murderer escaped, but was pursued and captured. Jones has been arrested recently been on the police force, was a brave officer and faithful watchman. The murderer is said to have had intimated that his counted here for months.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—W. H. Sears, the Commissioner of Deeds, who was stabbed last night, died this afternoon. Every effort was made by the physicians to save his life, but the wound proved fatal. He was a brave officer and faithful watchman. The murderer, Thomas Jones, is now in prison.

The late ball season opened on Saturday with a game between the Chicago and Stockings and a picked nine.

Work Accomplished by the Last General Assembly—Legislative Excursion.

COLUMBUS, O., April 18.—The General Assembly adjourned this morning. During the session of the Legislature, which has been in session for nearly seventy-three days, 576 acts and joint resolutions have been passed, 376 of which have been adopted. The forthcoming volume will contain about 1,000 pages, and the volume last year.

The Legislative excursion to Washington, accompanied by persons, left Columbus at 7 this morning. The party will be absent a week.

Terrible Loss of Life by a Boiler Explosion.

BRUNSWICK, April 18.—The boiler of a large flour mill at Freeport, eighteen miles from this city, burst this afternoon, with other fatal consequences. The building was entirely destroyed. Fatality is reported. A large number of operatives were in the mill.

The Georgia Legislature.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 18.—The Senate this morning passed the House bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta, so as to allow the Governor to appoint Police Commissioners. The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Georgia Pacific Railroad Company, and a committee of conference was appointed. The Senate passed the bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, so as to allow the Governor to appoint Police Commissioners. The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill to incorporate the Georgia Pacific Railroad Company, and a committee of conference was appointed. The Senate passed the bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, so as to allow the Governor to appoint Police Commissioners.

Fires.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 18.—The three-story brick building on the southeast corner of the public square, owned by Andrew Hamilton, and occupied as follows: Basement and first floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; second floor, Hamilton, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; third floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; fourth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; fifth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; sixth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; seventh floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; eighth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; ninth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; tenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; eleventh floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twelfth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; fourteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; fifteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; sixteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; seventeenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; eighteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; nineteenth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twentieth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-first floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-second floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-third floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-fourth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-fifth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-sixth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-seventh floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-eighth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; twenty-ninth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirtieth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-first floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-second floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-third floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-fourth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-fifth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-sixth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-seventh floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-eighth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; thirty-ninth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; fortieth floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; forty-first floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; forty-second floor, Hamilton & Co., dry goods; 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HOW TO SEND DOWN GOLD.

The Indianapolis *Journal* is apparently unable to see any difference in believing Secretary Chase's doctrine of four years ago, that the "road to resumption was to resume," when gold was at a premium of 37 to 45, and our present doctrine now that the premium is only from 10 to 12, that the Secretary of the Treasury sell gold enough to bring the premium to par and then resume. The difference is that Mr. Chase proposed to resume while gold was at a premium so high as to render it probable that many millions of greenbacks would be presented for redemption—we propose to bring gold to par by sales of gold and then resume. With gold at 37 to 45, a run on the Treasury might be expected sufficient to drain it of its gold. But with no premium on gold, or even with a nominal premium of 1 or 2 per cent, who would run on the Treasury? If greenbacks were at par with gold, no reserve of any considerable amount would be required to maintain redemption, because nobody would have any interest in demanding redemption. The New York *Bulletin* objects that, with a premium down to from 1 to 3 per cent, "Speculators could, on a margin of from one to three millions, buy up $100,000,000 of gold, and, holding it off the market as long as they pleased, could sell it up to an incredible premium. Well! If this were true, have we not got to bring the premium down to 1 to 2 before it will suppose altogether? Whatever the ultimate consequences of such a premium, we must reach it on the road to resumption, and why not as well now as later? But the fear is a phantom. When the premium on gold in England came down to from 2 to 3 it was instantly reversed payment. We shall do the same. When gold is daily passing at par, who is going to buy it up at a premium on speculation? In the gold conspiracy, when several hundred millions of nominal sales of gold had been made, and when there were really only $17,000,000 actual gold in the market, the offer to sell $1,000,000 of real gold sent the price down 3 per cent in a few minutes. Credit satisfied that it required no capital to buy nominal gold, because, as soon as bought, it is loaned to those who have gold and wait to "cover." But comparatively to buy a million or so of actual gold is a great deal of trouble, and requires a vast amount of capital. We firmly believe, therefore, that a sale of $15,000,000 of actual gold would at any time bring the premium from 112 down to 108 or lower. A sale of $10,000,000 would be likely to bring it to from 2 to 4. And with the premium at from 2 to 5, gold would come into use extensively, as change, in those branches of trade where profits enable them to be most liberal, and practically resumption would be complete. No reserve of gold is of any use for a debt we don't pay. After our currency has come to par our gold reserve can be of little use, as very little gold will be called for. Its only important use is to help bring on par. And if it is ever to give us any help in that way, it must begin before greenbacks have come to par of themselves or it will be too late.

A NEW CITY GOVERNMENT.

A petition, very respectably signed, has been sent to the Constitutional Convention, reciting that a thorough trial of the present system of government for this city has proved it utterly unfit for the wants of the people, and praying that Chicago be provided with a better government. The petitioners say they "favor a simple executive government under judicial supervision in place of the present irresponsible Board of Public Works."

There is considerable cant about this proposition, though, so far as it expresses general discontent with the way in which our local government has been administered, it is not far out of the way. The trouble is not in the system, but in the abuses which have been practiced under it. There is no question as to the popular dissatisfaction, because that was expressed at the election last November. The system will do very well, but what we lack are the men to carry it out properly. In a large city like this, we need a Mayor, City Council, Board of Public Works, Police Commissioners, and Board of Education; but we equally need proper and competent men to fill all these offices, or the best official administration of our government that we have failed, and to that failure we owe all the troubles which are upon us. It is only necessary to look back six months to realize that the character of the men who governed us, and who claimed that the offices were theirs, and did not belong to the public. For two long years we had a Common Council which refused to rejoice into the city treasury more than $40,000 or $50,000 annually, and finished that. It was a perquisite of the City Treasurer. So corrupt and overbearing had these public servants become, that the election of last November was not substantially a struggle between office-holders and the public for the mastery.

That election has resulted in the pretty effectual purification of one branch of our local government. The Supervisors have been brought up to the standard of public opinion, and have frankly yielded obedience to its decrees. The trial of the Mayor and Common Council is to come next. The public elected men for all the city offices. Judge Lawrence has given

THE COUNCIL.

Assessment of Street Railroad Companies.

Street Improvement Ordinances Repealed—Engrossed Ordinance Passed.

Issue of Sewer Bonds—Twenty-second Street—Delinquent Assessments.

The Recorder's Court.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last night, present, Aldermen Somers, Dissmore, Dunn, Haines, Mahoney, Medary, Page, Sayer, Whitaker, Heenan, Tracey, Hicker, Butterfield, Hildreth, Powell, W. K. Pitzell, George, Bolden, Throop, Hoyne, Wentworth, Cullerton, Johnson, Campbell, Gill, Stahl, Hoehler, Mc-Grath, Schmitt, Tyler, Bergen, Sheffer, Carney, Ierling, McKinley, Kohn, Devine, and Mr. President.

RETAILING ORDINANCES.

The Board of Public Works submitted an ordinance to repeal certain ordinances and amending the assessments and refunding moneys paid the recommendation being made since the passage of the ordinances by the Supreme Court of the people Court on the various assessments were recommended to be refunded.

The ordinances they repealed are for curbing, grading and paving Indiana street from Twenty-second to Twenty-ninth streets; Clinton, from Van Buren to Harrison; Jefferson, from Van Buren to Harrison; Larrabee, from Division to Cityworks avenue; for opening a street in Block 11, Dexter's Addition; for a sewer in Block 44, School Section Addition; for alley in Block 34, School Section Addition; for curbing, grading and paving Wells street; for planking and filling alley in south half of Block 44, Dexter's and Broad block; for sewer in Fifteenth Archer avenue to the river; for macadamizing Larrabee street, from Division to Cityworks avenue; for grading and macadamizing Sedgwick street, from North Avenue to Division; for grading and paving gutters on Prairie avenue, from College Place avenue to Twenty-ninth street.

The ordinance was laid over.

TWENTY-SECOND STREET.

The board also submitted an ordinance for the removal of the tracks belonging to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company on Twenty-second street, commencing in the center of the river, and running to the west, and for the grading and filling said street from the river to the South branch at that point, the bottom of the fill will be nearly horizontal; it is provided that the city shall have the right at any time after five years to remove the fill, and the tracks to be removed to either side of the street. Although the five years have not elapsed the company are willing to remove their track, waiving all rights which they may have.

VACATION OF STREETS.

The Board of Public Works offered an ordinance for the vacation of Prairie street, from West Chicago avenue to Division street, and for the vacation of Division street, from North Union street to Cleveland avenue, and for the vacation of Cleveland avenue, from North Union street to the river, and for the vacation of that part of North Avenue lying between the river and the west line of Union street, from West Water street to the river, and for the vacation of Union street, from North Avenue to the Chicago River, east of West Water street, and of the alley in Block 1, Dexter's Addition to Lake Addition, and of Block 1, Dexter's Addition; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Viaducts.

LAKE PARK.

For twenty-three years the park on Cheyenne avenue, from Larrabee street to North avenue, which is referred to the Committee on Parks.

TUNNEL APPROACHES.

The communication from the Board of Public Works in regard to covering the approaches to the Washington Street Tunnel, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

The report of Dr. H. S. Haze, City Physician, for March, was referred to the Committee on Health.

SCHOOL APPRAISERS.

A communication was received from the School Appraisers, stating that they had appraised the property on the line of Twenty-second street, and would not act as Appraisers of School Agent, Aldermen Dissmore and Wentworth. Ald. Holden moved that the Council proceed to the election of Appraisers.

Ald. Kehoe moved, as an amendment, that the matter be laid over one week.

The amendment was agreed to.

ENGROSSED ORDINANCE PASSED.

The Board of Public Works submitted the following:

In answer to a resolution of your honorable body, passed March 7, 1870, directing the Board of Public Works to submit to the Council a full and detailed report of the condition of the Chicago Water Works, showing the amount of delinquent assessments, and their refunding of such of the same as have been collected, and the amount of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the water works improvement, the Board respectfully submits the following report:

The amount of delinquent assessments, as returned to the Board of Public Works by the Commissioners of Water Works, and by them confirmed by the Common Council, is stated in Sec. 3, Chapter 22, of the City Ordinances, as follows: "The amount of water rates and assessments for the year 1869, with the requirements of this section, remaining delinquent and unpaid on the first day of January in each year hereafter, shall be added to the general tax levy of the city, and to the collector of the city, and of the collection of taxes."

The committee also recommend that the Commissioners of Water Works be authorized to proceed with the improvements of the streets (Madison, from Robey street to Western avenue; Lake street, from Robey street to Western avenue; Lake street, from Robey street to Western avenue; and Halsted street, from Lake to Indiana street) in accordance with the petitions presented to the Board, and that the Board of Public Works be directed to report to the Council the cost of the same, and the amount of assessments to be levied therefor, and that the Board of Public Works be directed to report to the Council the cost of the same, and the amount of assessments to be levied therefor, and that the Board of Public Works be directed to report to the Council the cost of the same, and the amount of assessments to be levied therefor.

The committee also recommend that the Commissioners of Water Works be authorized to have the Halsted street bridge repaired

ILLINOIS.

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Mr. Sargent—Mr. Chairman: It is a complete nuisance. It is a complete nuisance. It is a complete nuisance. I have no objection to the Committee rising. The sooner the people of this State understand that the Democratic party is opposed to this kind of legislation the better it will be for them. I hope that members will vote down this section at once, and not waste time in discussing it. If a bastard is it, to decide whether they will have them or not, and let the business of the people of the whole State. If the gentleman's zeal has got all the members with that idea he cannot ask what right he has to demand of my county—if my county people are willing to pay their share of the taxes for the benefit